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HE WAS WELL KNOWN AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF INFORMATION ..... HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, WHERE HE HEADED THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION THERE. THE LONG DISCUSSIONS HELD AT THIS CONFERENCE ARE OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

WILLIAM BENTON

WILL GIVE US A RESUME OF THE PROBLEMS AND RESULTS OF IT

NOTICE ..... Cocktails will be available from Noon to 12:30 P. M. The Luncheon will end promptly at 2 P. M., although members may stay and ask questions if they wish.....

SEND IN ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS FOR THE BULLETIN

NO LUNCHEON FOR JUNE 9TH ..... MARK THE DATE OF JUNE 13TH, A SUNDAY, FOR THE OUTING AT NORTHPORT. OPC MEMBERS FROM BOSTON HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR A GET-TOGETHER ON A WEEK-END - SO HERE IT IS... MEMBERS FROM PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON, BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS AFFAIR, TOO.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH AT 8:30 P.M. IN THE CLUBROOMS. SPECIAL NOTICES WILL BE MAILED TO GOVERNORS. IF YOU WISH TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO THE BOARD REGARDING CLUB POLICY, WRITE TO W. W. CHAPLIN, PRESIDENT, OR ANY OF THE OFFICERS NOTED ABOVE....

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR COPY OF THE CLUB WHO'S WHO? IT WAS MAILED TO EVERY MEMBER AND EVERY MEMBER SHOULD HAVE A COPY... IT IS A FINE REFERENCE BOOK, PACKED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERS AND THE CLUB.



Lowell Thomas, president of the Correspondents Fund of the Overseas Press Club was host at dinner for the officers and directors of the Fund on Monday, May 24th at the Lotos Club. At the election of officers for the coming year, the following were elected:

PRESIDENT ..... LOWELL THOMAS

VICE PRESIDENTS ..... EDWARD R. MURROW, LLOYD STRATTON AND WYTHE WILLIAMS

TREASURER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ..... LUCIAN S. KIRTLAND

SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT TREASURER ..... CLYDE E. BROWN

Hal Boyle of the Associated Press and Egbert White of the United Nations World were elected from the Board of Governors of the Club to serve on the Board of Directors and Trustees of the Fund. The resignation of Guy Hickock was accepted with a vote of thanks for Mr. Hickock's services as a director. Mr. Brown was elected to the Secretaryship vacancy caused by the death of Paul Harvey.

The Board of Directors and Trustees of the Fund is composed of the following:

Carl W. Ackerman  
Hal Boyle  
W. W. Chaplin  
Robert B. Considine  
Ralph J. Frantz

Thomas M. Johnson  
A. Wilfred May  
John T. McGovern  
Richard de Rochemont  
Otto D. Tolischus

Egbert White

Edward R. Murrow of CBS will head the Finance Committee of the Fund this year. Egbert White and Hal Boyle will be members of the committee. Mr. Lucian Kirtland, Treasurer, announced that the Fund now has almost \$18,000, most of which is invested in stocks and bonds.

Geraldine Fitch, stationed in Seoul, Korea, covered the election - the first by secret ballot - at the polls in their 4,000 year history - for INS. Gerry has received \$1300 in contributions from America as a result of a story she wrote for Time about a young Korean who is building a church for children in the Han River Slum. Now she is rounding up toys, used or new, for these children.

The largest number of foreign news correspondents ever gathered in Korea covered the elections, according to Mrs. Fitch, who writes that the government press release listed the following present for the election, in addition to those regularly assigned to Seoul: Douglas Allen, Cincinnati, Ohio, Times Star; Keys Beech, Chicago Daily News; William Carty, Paramount News; Bill Costello, CBS; Hugh Deane, Telepress, Ltd.; Pierre Doublet, French Press Agency; Richard C. Ferguson, Acme News pictures; Peter Kalischer, UP; Jorge Iareau, France-Presse; William C. Parrott, Reuter's; Allen Raymond, N.Y.

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Herald Tribune; John Rich, INS; Charles Rosencrans, INS; Walter Simmons, Chicago Tribune; Eddie Tseng, China Central News; Gordon Walker, Christian Science Monitor; Denis Warner, Reuter's and Australian Associated Press; Frank White, AP and Gene Zenier, Warner-Pathe.

Charles Gorry, AP photographer; Charlotte Knight, Air Force Magazine and Carl Mydans, Time and Life, who are OPC members, also covered the Korean elections.

Pola Rashkoysky, formerly of Time-Life, will be one of the New York staff of the Australian Daily Mirror and Truth magazine of Australia.

Fred Rosen has joined John Steinbeck, Robert Capa and several others here in New York in World Video, Inc., an organization which is turning out package television programs which will be put on film for distribution to video stations throughout the country. World Video already has a television unit and office in Paris to cover the continent. Rosen will be program director.

Mieczyslaw Wionczek of the Polish Press Agency in New York has obtained permission from the State Department for re-entry into the U.S. Wionczek had returned to Poland for a short visit. When he applied for re-entry to the States, his visa was held up.

Eliav Simon of the United Press covering Palestine reports that censorship up to now has been applied to small details - and that it takes place in full view of the correspondent involved. There is consultation between the censor and the correspondent as this is done.

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Member Fred Parker is returning to the U.S. in a few weeks after a two-year stay in Tokyo with the C.I.E. Branch of the Army. He and his wife will vacation on their farm in Nuckok, Kentucky. Fred writes Charles Engelke of UP in Washington that he is coming home -- never more to roam.

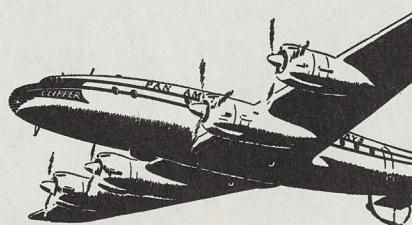
Harrison Forman authors an article on The Story of Tea in the current June issue of HOLIDAY magazine. This is the first of a series.

Michel Pobers, editor and publisher of New York City's French language weekly FRANCE-AMERIQUE, received a citation last week from American Legion's Pershing Post No. 1 "for outstanding services to Americans in France during the war."

Leo Branham's wife, Mildred Faulk of the New York Sun, was elected President of the New York Newspaper Women's Club last week. Anne O'Hare McCormick of the New York Times was reelected vice president of the club.

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Hal F. Lee, editor of Pan-American magazine, was the guest of honor at the eighth anniversary dinner of Los Panamericanos at the National Arts Club on Tuesday, May 25th. A scroll citing Lee for "his valuable contribution to closer relationship and understanding of the U.S. with Latin America" was presented.

Robert Shaplen and Walter G. Rundle have finished their terms as Nieman Fellows at Harvard University. Bob will be in New York living at his father's former apartment at 8 West 13th St. (Bob's father, Joe, was Treasurer of the OPC during its first years). Knopf Publishing Co. will bring out his book of short stories, mostly about the Far East, the early part of next year.

Rundle will leave in a few days for Germany where he will head the Berlin Bureau of UP. Spyrous Skouras, President of Twentieth Century Fox, has been the chairman of the drive of the American Overseas Aid appeal of the United Nations for Children here in New York.

William R. Matthews, in an editorial for his paper, the Arizona Daily Star of Tucson, wrote that on the third anniversary of VE day, there is an armed truce rather than the peace we fought for--a tragic commentary on the leadership of what remains of civilization.

Four OPC members were headlined at the spring reunion of the Silurians (men who have worked on New York newspapers for 25 years) on May 15. George Sokolsky of the New York Sun debated with Byron Price on the responsibility of the press toward public officials. Sokolsky as the Devil's Disciple disagreed with Price's pleas and said that he did not believe that it is necessary for the press to be gentle or "even fair" toward public officials. Wythe Williams sat at the head table; Henry Noble Hall gave a short speech and Joe Lilly was named to the editorial board.

Joe Laitin of Reuters just recently read Bob Considine's chapter in the 1947 "Deadline Delayed". One paragraph of Bob's article reads: "In the process of fighting for and winning three of the four channels, the American wire services gave a kind of bum's rush to Reuters, despite the Englishman's collection of priority courtesies extended to the American services for British operations during the war." Joe, for the record, says to tell Bob that he was born and bred in Brooklyn, despite the gag at Bikini that he was writing a book called "A Tree Grows in Yorkshire."

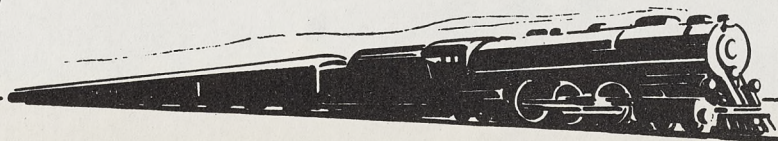
Jack Doorty, President of Affiliated Features, Inc. has recently added the name of another OPC member, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., to the features he syndicates. First releases of the new column "Vagabonding with Vanderbilt" began appearing in newspapers three times a week on April 27th.

Elsa Maxwell, columnist for the New York Post, leaves next week for Europe where she will visit all of the countries west of the Iron Curtain and interview government officials as well as see old friends.

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Ruth Karpf writes from Prague that everything in the CSR is nationalized including foreign trade. Ruth covered the Cripps budget breaking in England; France in the process of making up its mind about devaluation; Italy for the elections and will now go to Austria and Hungaria, Rumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. She saw Sy Freidin of the Trib; Bob Gary of MBS; and Ruth Lloyd who is stationed in Prague for UP.

Emile C. Schurmacher has just returned from an assignment in Northern Quebec for TRUE magazine and will leave shortly for an assignment in a tungsten mine in the Big Smokies. About a year ago, Emile teamed up with photographer Alan Gould to do complete packaged articles. Working recently with the Customs patrol, they surprised a couple of marihuana smugglers in the act of crossing the Rio Grande-- a newspaperman's dream come true.

Members of the club were pleased with the courtesy of the RCA exhibition hall in offering the Johnny Victor to us for the showing of the film "Cavalcade of South America" by member Charles Perry Weimer, who also presented the color films of the club celebration of Bolivar Day in July, 1946, at Holiday Lodge, in Northport, L.I. The audience decided that Bill Chaplin of NBC, Edmund Chester of CBS, Hal Lee and Sandy Griffith were definitely photogenic. Bob Trout, commentator of NBC, said that the picture was undoubtedly the reason why Chaplin has a new television show on Thursday evening from 8:45 to 9 P.M.

Thomas Johnson won the jackpot book, "Olympic Games" by Bill Henry at the film showing. Mrs. Bernard Estes picked the lucky number by guessing one at random... 22, to be exact.

Ann Stringer, UP correspondent in Berlin, writes that despite the furor created by the Berlin Crisis, the press colony there still lives in summer estate splendor-- with only now and then an annoying reminder that they are on a tug-of-war isle in the midst of the Russian zone. The War of Nerves exists, however. Apparently the Russians are letting up at the moment on their "pinpricks" but British, American and Russian observers expect renewed action in July.

Joe Phillips, foreign editor of Newsweek, now on a survey trip in Europe, dropped in to see Camille Cianfarra, of the New York Times bureau in Rome and talked over mutual acquaintances in the club.

Dr. Roger Shaw writes of "Adam to Atom" (Assorted Ancients) in the May issue of "The Military Engineer". From his study of history, Roger comes to the conclusion that history proves military victories often lead, alas, to cultural defeats.

Authors Pat Frank and Larry Blochman report that their literary agent, Syndey A. Sanders of 522 Fifth Avenue, died this week. Such things as screen rights hang in the balance for these OPC free lancing writers.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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